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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ANOTHER SCHOOL ATTAINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

We are pleased to announce that Rockwood School District's Selvidge Middle School has just received notification that its guidance program has received national recognition for its excellence. The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) recognizes schools whose programs meet rigorous standards and expectations with an award called RAMP (Recognized ASCA Model Program). To date, there are less than 200 schools nation-wide that have achieved this status.

Selvidge is Missouri's second school to receive this recognition; LaSalle Springs Middle School was Missouri's first, so at this point in time, Rockwood has both nationally recognized schools.

Dr. Sally Blackburn provided leadership in creating the application packet and fellow counselors Molly Rundquist and Kelly Mignerone helped supply data and documentation.

We also want to thank Sean Stryhal, Tom Keller and Mike Anselmo, Selvidge's administrators for their support of the Selvidge guidance program. Without administrative support, school counselors cannot serve the students by fully implementing the comprehensive guidance program.

Selvidge will be honored at the annual conference of the American School Counselor Association in June in Atlanta. Congratulations on a job very well done, and an award that is much deserved.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)

{CURRICULUM}

BEGINNING TO PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR? SURVEYS FROM ASSESSMENT RESOURCE CENTER (ARC) ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO HELP.

The Assessment Resource Center (ARC) is pleased to offer a new series of surveys, the *Missouri Guidance Planning Surveys*. These surveys function as tools to help schools develop comprehensive guidance curriculum programs and meet the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) requirements using Grade Level Expectations (GLEs) from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

To obtain information, including pricing for materials and services, contact ARC at (800) 366-8232 or (573) 882-4694 or view their catalog online at: http://arc.missouri.edu/ARC2004catalog/ARC_2008_catalog.pdf

{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}

OBTAIN INFORMATION TO USE IN CAREER PLANNING FROM THE NATIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (NCDA)

The National Career Development Association (NCDA) is a division of the American Counseling Association (ACA). Its' mission is to promote the career development of all people over the life span. It publishes a web magazine, *Career Convergence* that contains articles to consult for such information. Please go to <http://www.ncda.org/> to see the magazine and other resources in this area.

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A “MAJOR BARGAIN” HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED AT MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

At Missouri State University (MSU), students can earn a **GERONTOLOGY-PSYCHOLOGY DOUBLE MAJOR** for as few as 125 credit hours (same as a major-minor combination)!

Gerontology is the study of adult development, aging, and the joys of a healthy old age, age-related issues, and disorders. By the year 2030, the percentage of older adults in the United States is expected to increase to 20-25%. The *fastest growing* segment of this aging population consists of *adults over the age of 85*! There is and will continue to be a need for professionals with expertise in Gerontology.

By pairing Gerontology with Psychology, students are ensured of a broad, solid, interdisciplinary education with a wide variety of interesting classes from which to choose, the benefits of a major department (Psychology) and a smaller program (Gerontology), and enhanced student marketability upon graduation.

Careers in Gerontology involve working directly or indirectly with older adults. Graduates with a degree in Gerontology can work with healthy, active seniors living in their communities or they can serve frail older adults in a skilled nursing facility or in the home. Others with expertise in Gerontology may be interested in advocating for seniors in a community or political setting. Careers in financial and estate planning, physical therapy, and recreation and leisure also provide opportunities to work with older adults.

Students selecting this area of concentration will develop a better understanding of the older adults in their lives, and also be better prepared for their own later years.

The Program in Gerontology at MSU offers lots of one-on-one time with faculty; personalized advising with special attention to the individual's future career goals; interesting and challenging classes; support from Ger students; and great times with the service-oriented Gerontology Club.

Gerontology Program faculty are always happy to share their passion for the field of aging with others. Please feel free to contact the following faculty advisors:

Dr. Bradley Fisher, Major Advisor: BradleyFisher@MissouriState.edu, 417-836-5284.

Dr. Carol Gosselink, Minor Advisor & Gerontology Club Advisor: CarolGosselink@MissouriState.edu, 417-836-6859,

{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

SUICIDE PREVENTION SURVEY IS COMING:

Tomorrow (April 9), we will send out, as a special transmission, a survey concerning suicide prevention activities. The survey was developed by the Department of Mental Health and questions or comments will need to be directed to them. There is no deadline for response, but it would be appreciated if you could complete and return the survey as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your participation.

SECOND ISSUE OF NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE

The second issue of *Well Aware*, a suicide prevention policy resource is now available on the Department of Mental health website. To view the newsletter, go to: <http://www.dmh.mo.gov/cps/issues/suicide/WellAware.htm>

2008 NATIONAL BEREAVEMENT TELECONFERENCE - LIVING WITH GRIEF®: CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2008, 12:30PM-3:00PM

The Hospice Foundation of America (HFA) will conduct its' 15th annual National Bereavement Teleconference, *Living With Grief: Children and Adolescents*, will be broadcast Wednesday, April 16. HFA's 2008 Teleconference will focus on the experience of grieving children and adolescents and the ways that hospice professionals, teachers and school administrators, grief counselors, funeral directors, and parents can best support these populations as they cope with loss and grief. The program and newly published book will focus on the most current theories and practices in this area, and as always will combine academic research with hands-on ideas for use in hospice support groups and other settings.

To find a location near you, go to:

<http://www.hospicefoundation.org/teleconference/sitelisting.asp?stateID=MO>

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{SYSTEM SUPPORT}

A WEBSITE TO SHARE WITH OTHERS INTERESTED IN HELPING STUDENTS PREPARE FOR CAREERS

Workforce³ One offers workforce professionals, employers, economic development, and education professionals a dynamic knowledge network featuring innovative workforce solutions. Online learning events, resource information, and tools help organizations learn how to develop strategies that enable individuals to be successful in the 21st century economy by understanding the skills and competencies needed by business and industry.

You can visit the website at <http://www.workforce3one.org/index.cfm?init=y> and sign up to receive notices of information.

ADVANCED DEGREE OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

The University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL) now offers an Ed.D program in Counselor Education and Supervision (Counseling). The program is targeted to train counselor educators, supervisors of counselors-in-training, administrators of counseling programs in the schools and K-12 practitioners with a well-grounded knowledge base.

Enrollment in the program is competitive and applications are considered once a year with an application deadline of January 15. Letters of recommendation and a professional resume are required along with the application.

For more information about this program and requirements, contact Dr. Matthew Lemberger in the UMSL College of Education, Division of Counseling and Family Therapy at 314-516-5782.

CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:

A. MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WILL HAVE ITS ANNUAL SPRING TRAINING INSTITUTE on **May 14-16, 2008 at Tan-Tar-A Resort & Conference Center - Osage Beach, Missouri.** See more at <http://www.dmh.missouri.gov/cps/springtraining/springtraining.htm>

B. UCM-DESE COUNSELOR INSTITUTE will be held at the University of Central Missouri's Central Summit Center in **Lee's Summit, Missouri, on Friday, June 20 and Saturday, June 21, 2008 from 8:00-4:00.** To see more information about the workshop and/or to download a registration form, go to <http://www.ucmo.edu/workshops/CounselorInstitute.cfm>

C. SUICIDE PREVENTION CONFERENCE JEFFERSON CITY, MO, JULY 14, 2008

The third annual Missouri Suicide Prevention Conference, *Show Me You Care About Suicide Prevention*, will be held on **Monday, July 14, 2008 in Jefferson City, Missouri.** Details about this and other upcoming events related to suicide prevention will also be posted online at: www.dmh.mo.gov/cps/issues/suicide/calendar.htm

The Call for Presenters is also available online. If you know of anyone that might be interested in presenting, please share the following link and encourage them to submit a proposal:

<http://www.dmh.mo.gov/cps/issues/ShowMeYouCareCallforPresenters.pdf>

D. MISSOURI ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (MOACTE) SUMMER CONFERENCE will be held on **July 21-24, 2008 in Springfield, MO.** For more information, go to <http://www.mo-acte.org/> and click on Conferences.

E. MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (MSCA) LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE will be held on **September 6-7, 2008 in Jefferson City.** Future information on the conference will be available at <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/>

F. MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (MSCA) FALL CONFERENCE will be held on **NOVEMBER 2-4, 2008 at Tan Tar A Resort.** Future information on the conference will be available at <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/>